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Gains Made, Says Chairman



Mr. W. R. Thomas.

COMMENTING last week upon the season in general, and on its closure in particular, Mr. W. R. Thomas, Chairman of the Victorian Soccer Association, stated that many soccer executives will look back upon the last two years with a sense of accomplishment, but will welcome the close of the season with feelings of relief.

"The Victorian body has had no rest since the beginning of the night soccer competition 21 months ago. That series carried right into the winter League season, which was followed by the Olympic Games, the 1957 night

Moreland's 7-Year Drought to End with Cup Win Today?

MORELAND overcame its toughest hurdle in the bid for Dockerty Cup honours when it defeated Polonia 2-1 last Saturday, and must now be conceded a second-to-none chance for the Championship when it meets Juventus today.

Moreland's statistical form for the last half of the season, including its four Cup appearances, was only slightly below that of Polonia, but is well above that of Juventus:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.	%
Moreland	13	9	2	2	32	17	20	188
Juventus	13	6	3	4	28	19	15	147

In addition, Moreland must be rated a better Cup side than Juventus, which has seldom looked like winning the trophy even

during the period 1952-1956 when it won the First Division premiership five years in a row.

Youthful stamina told in the closing 15 minutes of last week's semi-final. Trailing 0-1, Moreland's young forwards unwound a sustained attack against Polonia's tiring veteran defenders. They were rewarded at 79 minutes when centre-half Bob Zablocki, under pressure, fouled Jack Wilson. Don Hodgson took the free kick from about 30 yards and goaled a smasher from an acute angle.

Maintaining the pressure, Loughran, with three minutes to go, enticed the full-backs with a run through the centre, then passed to the right where unmarked winger Oxtan, only a few yards from the goal-mouth, had no trouble netting the winning goal.

series, and the 1957 winter season in rapid and continuous succession.

"The Council will continue its work between seasons, of course, but the pressure will be, to some extent, eased.

"As usual, we've had many problems to overcome, and we have not always been pleased with the results; but, generally speaking, it has been a period of steady gains, most important of which was our return to a rebuilt, attractive, and most acceptable headquarters — Olympic Park.

"I can see nothing but progress and improvement for the future of soccer in Victoria."

State Team for Adelaide

THE Victorian State team will leave for Adelaide next Friday evening to play two matches against South Australia — one on Saturday, and one on Monday, which is a holiday over there.

Mr. Kurt Defels will accompany the team as Manager, with Mr. Sam Horrobin as Assistant Manager.

The team is as follows:—

JOE RUYTERS.
TOM JACK (Captain).
PETER VIDOVIC.
BOB WEMYSS.
BILL WESTERVELD.
ANDRE WAITZER.
TONY VELLA.
BILL HARBURN.
LOLLY VELLA.
FRANK LOUGHRAN.
DON HODGSON.
FERENC ARANYI.
SIEL DE BRUYCKERE.
BILL COPELAND.

NEW MOVES FOR A "FINAL FOUR"

Many Against the Proposal

POINTING out that interest in the closing rounds of the First Division waned, as evidenced by declining attendances, and attributing this to the fact that J.U.S.T. clinched the pennant weeks before the end of the season, a number of club members and fans are advocating a "Final Four" knock-out series as practised in Australian Rules football.

The suggestion is getting a mixed reception. One cogent argument against it is provided by the fixtures of the last week-ends. League semi-finals and final would have been added to an already crowded programme of Dockery

Cup, Reserve Cup, and World Cup semi-finals and finals, resulting in unnecessary conflict and confusion.

Others point out that J.U.S.T.'s run-away victory this year was unusual, the premiership being decided in both 1955 and 1956 on goal percentage with interest maintained right up to the last round.

But the argument against the proposition which seems to enjoy the most support is that which advances the possibility that a club could hold outright leadership in every sense throughout the season, or could win through to the top in the second half with a brilliant run of victories, only to have the pennant snatched away in a knock-out match which could be lost because of adverse circumstances on the day, such as injuries, bad weather — or the single goal yielded by the mistake of a player who accidentally handles the ball in the penalty area.

In addition, it is quite conceivable that the eventual winner of a Grand Final could be a club of dubious strength which squeezed into the Final Four with anything up to 12 League points less than the leader, yet wins the premiership with a couple of lucky breaks.



Best Ever in Australia?

A sight which will remain in the memories of Australian soccer fans for many years is that of MATE FENYI, Ferencvaros and Hungarian National left-winger, seen in action here this year.

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Far East Tour for Australian Team

MR. W. R. Thomas, Chairman of the Victorian Soccer Association, and an executive member of the Australian Soccer Association, has stated officially that plans for a tour of the Far East by an Australian team are now quite definite, and that the side will leave here in December.

Four Associations — Singapore, Thailand, Formosa, and Hong Kong — have already indicated their acceptance of a visit by an Australian team, and others from Indonesia, Malaya, Portuguese Macao, and the Philippines may yet be forthcoming.

This should be the most attractive tour ever undertaken by an Australian team.

Mr. L. J. Channing, who managed the tour of the Hong Kong team this season, has been instrumental in finalising arrangements with the Asian bodies for the Australian Association.

Limit on Tours

DISCUSSING tours of Australia by visiting teams, Mr. W. R. Thomas stated last week that never again would the Australian Soccer Association permit three touring teams to play here in one season.

Heavy losses became inevitable, and the extended disruption of local League programmes was most undesirable.

Appointment for Soccer Patron

MR. Jack Skolnik, a patron of the Victorian Soccer Association, has been officially appointed by the Australian Soccer Association as its sole representative in arranging tours of this country by teams from abroad.

This virtually grants Mr. Skolnik exclusive promotional rights, subject to Association concurrence, in any such tour.

He will leave for England next week, and before returning to Australia next month, he hopes to have concluded arrangements for either a Scottish, English or Italian team to visit here in 1958.



ENGLAND REACHES THE WORLD CUP FINAL

ENGLAND was on top all the way to defeat Poland 2-0 in last Sunday's World Cup semi-final, and only some brilliant saves by Czauderna prevented England winning by a wider margin.

England will probably meet Yugoslavia in the final to-morrow. When this issue of "Soccer News"

went to press on Tuesday, no decision had been reached by the Sunday International Committee as to whether it would endorse the judgment of the Investigation and Disciplinary Committee, which ordered a re-play of the semi-final in which Yugoslavia defeated Scotland 4-2.

Scotland had protested on the ground that Yugoslavia had fielded interstate players, but since the rules of the competition have not precluded the use of interstate guests, many of whom have in fact been fielded in years past, it is difficult to understand the decision of the Disciplinary Committee.

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1930—Footscray Thistle.
1931—Wonthaggi Magpies.
1932—Footscray Thistle.
1933—Brighton.
1934—Royal Caledonians.
1935—Hakoah.
1936—Royal Caledonians.
1937—Brighton.
1938—Nobels.
1939—I.C.I. (formerly Nobels).
1940—I.C.I.
1941—Moreland.
1942—Pahran.
1943—Brighton.
1944—Brighton.
1945—Moreland Hakoah.
1946—Pahran.
1947—South Yarra.
1948—Park Rangers.
1949—Park Rangers.
1950—Moreland.
1951—J.U.S.T.
1952—Brighton.
1953—Hakoah.
1954—Hakoah.
1955—Hakoah.
1956—Hakoah.

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Today's Teams DOCKERTY CUP FINAL

JUVENTUS.

VITI	1
PICINICH	2
MARINI	3
ZAVATIER	4
GUARDIANI	5
COSTA	6
PARLATONI	7
BOTTARI	8
ARANYI	9
KASSAI	10
PLATEO	11

Reserves:

MASSESE
BRANDI
BRESSAN

MORELAND.

HOBSON
McCOLL
INNARD
GOODMAN
STOTT
McKEE
OXTON
HODGSON
WILSON
LOUGHRAN
SMITH

Reserves:

KYLE
GODDING
TANNAHILL

Referee: Mr. CADELLI
Linesmen: Mr. CORMACK.
Mr. HUTCHISON.

Harry Armstrong Reserve Cup Final

RICHMOND.

LANGE	1
BAUM	2
GASCHK	3
DUERBOECK	4
LARSEN	5
EKHARDT	6
KARDUCH	7
BAUER	8
WEILAND	9
WITTLINGER	10
DANILOWSKI	11

Reserves:

DORN
HUESSLER

POLONIA.

SLADE
WINTERLING
STRAHAN
GARNCARCZYK
ULANOWSKI
ULBRYCHT
WOLLO
SWOBODA
PITTONI
VANEK
ROLEF

Reserves:

BRYDSON
TIPO

Referee: Mr. HARRISON.
Linesmen: Mr. HECHT.
Mr. WARD.

NEW HONOR FOR PRESIDENT



SELF-effacing humility leavened with a trace of quiet pride has always characterised the attitude of the Association's President, Mr. Harry J. Dockerty, toward the growth of his favourite football code.

His remark last week about this year's Cup Final was in keeping with his usual modest outlook.

"A great and unexpected honor has fallen to me," he said. "Never did I dream, when I made the Cup available to the Association 'way back in 1909, that I would have the tremendous pleasure of seeing it played for, won, and presented at such a glorious venue as the new Olympic Park."



MR. H. J. DOCKERTY,
President, V.A.S.F.A.

CUP PROGRESS

THIRD ROUND.	QUARTER-FINALS.	SEMI-FINALS.	FINAL.
J.U.S.T. 5 }	J.U.S.T. 3 }	J.U.S.T. . . 1 }	JUVENTUS
PRAHRAN 1 }	WILHELMINA 2 }		
*WILHELMINA 1 6 }			
HELLENIC 0 3 }			
SUNSHINE CITY 3 }	SUNSHINE CITY . . . 0 }	JUVENTUS 4 }	MORELAND
SLAVIA 1 }	JUVENTUS 2 }		
JUVENTUS 6 }			
GEORGE CROSS . . 2 }			
MORELAND 4 }	MORELAND 2 }	MORELAND 2 }	MORELAND
PARK RANGERS . . 1 }	BOX HILL 0 }		
BOX HILL 3 }			
GEELONG 1 }			
POLONIA 1 }	POLONIA 2 }	POLONIA 1 }	The Winner.
BRIGHTON 0 }	HAKOAH 1 }		
HAKOAH 4 }			
MACCABI 1 }			

*First tie abandoned, 40 minutes, Wilhelmina leading 1-0; spectators on field.

Dandenong Pips Coburg

DDANDENONG's 0-0 draw with Yarra Park last Saturday earned it the single point which broke the deadlock with Coburg, and won promotion for the Rovers.

Thus the last significant League result has been written into the 1957 records.

★ ★ ★

★ Rumoured that Premier Bolte will present the Laidlaw World Cup to the winners to-morrow.

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BRIEFLY . . .

★ Jack Wilson will be playing in his fifth — some say his sixth — Cup Final when he takes the field for Moreland to-day.

★ Highly qualified referee, Mr. Cadelli has been entrusted with major games lately, and his handling of the Moreland-Polonia Cup tie last week was a treat. Council is to be congratulated on selecting him again for the Cup Final to-day.

★ The Neue Welt Cup is an unconstitutional competition, and will probably die still-born. Mr. C. P. Billot has a suggestion for a pre-season series at Rosebud, too, which comes under the same category. The point is that there could be no end to the number of competitions if they were allowed to run riot, so the law says "No." Odd friendly games are something else again, of course.

★ Richmond-Allemania's Soccer Ball will be held at the Prahran Town Hall on October 25.

★ Also rumoured that, whether it's a 10-team or a 12-team League, the First Division will be run as a State League next year, with its own League Management based on the British pattern, and with five-year or life registration for a limited number of senior team players.



JOHANN NEUHOLD.

★ An Austrian and ex-Vienna Rapid forward, **JOHANN NEUHOLD** has not broken any records here, but his smooth technique, and his calm and accurate distribution is a delight to watch.

Several other newly arrived Austrians who play attractive soccer are Harry Reinhold, Hubert Majer, and Garry Gottschlich, all of Slavia, and Jozef Brenner, Frank Nemeth, and Walter Ardner, all with J.U.S.T.

No account of 1957's new stars can ignore Hungarian newcomers, Csardas and Varnai, of Melbourne, and, of course, mention must be made of the team exploits of Melbourne and Fiorentina.

Junior Cups

THE Under 20 Cup Final has yet to be played, the finalists being St. Kilda and Juventus.

The Miller Cup, trophy for the Under 17 League, was won by Dandenong.

Brighton took the J. J. Liston Cup in the Under 15 division, and Sunshine City "A," which carried all before it in the Under 13 League, took the double by winning the Blue Riband trophy.

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★ *New Stars Sighted in 1957*

VICTORIAN soccer was blessed this year with an unusual number of new arrivals from abroad and interstate who made a good impression on fans in their first appearances on the field. Some are shown here, others are mentioned on Page 6.



★ REIN YNTEMA may not have polished technique, but he has youth, stamina, raw courage, and natural football ability that made him an ideal centre-forward. Rein has been in a cast and on crutches since he broke a leg playing for Victoria against Ferencvaros. He is shown at the left of the picture on the left. Rein is a Hollander.

★ Except that he is Swiss, not Dutch, Yntema's description soccer-wise fits HANS EGGLEER to a tee. Hans visited here for the Olympics, and decided to stay a while. He is seen at the left of the picture on the right.



★ Another Dutchman, JOE RUYTERS, came from Western Australia, and was an immediate goalkeeping sensation, becoming the automatic choice for Victoria and Australia during this hectic season. He is shown in the centre of the picture below, when he played for Victoria against Ferencvaros. We call this our picture of the year because the net and the ball symbolise our code, and the crowded scene is one we dream of seeing at Olympic Park every Saturday.

★ PICTURE OF THE YEAR

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HOW THEY FINISHED

DIVISION 1.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
J.U.S.T.	18	12	3	3	49	33	27
Moreland	18	10	3	5	42	29	23
Slavia	18	9	3	6	39	33	21
Hakoah	18	8	3	7	32	31	19
Geelong	18	6	7	5	28	31	19
Wilhelmina	18	8	2	8	50	36	18
Juventus	18	6	6	6	32	27	18
Polonia	18	8	2	8	36	32	18
Brighton	18	5	3	10	25	39	13
Box Hill	18	0	4	14	11	53	4

League completed.

DIVISION 2.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Geo. Cross	18	13	2	3	45	17	28
Hellenic	18	13	0	5	56	27	26
S. Melb.	18	12	2	4	42	21	26
Richmond	18	10	3	5	37	28	23
Yallourn	18	8	5	5	43	28	21
Preston	18	8	5	5	40	40	21
Prahran	18	4	4	10	25	48	12
Sunshine C.	18	4	3	11	25	39	11
Geelong C.	18	3	4	11	32	52	10
S. Yarra	18	1	0	17	21	76	2

LEAGUE COMPLETED.

DIVISION 3.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yarra Park	22	14	6	2	64	29	34
Dandenong	22	13	5	4	65	38	31
Coburg	22	14	2	6	58	23	30
Hayduk	21	10	6	5	39	28	26
Vic. Colts	20	11	3	6	62	33	25
Sunshine U.	22	11	2	9	57	45	24
Frankston	22	11	5	7	51	62	25
Maccabi	20	7	6	7	44	40	20
Park R.	22	8	1	13	50	63	17
Brunswick	20	5	4	11	32	47	14
Moorabbin	22	1	4	17	36	94	6
F.N.D.	21	0	4	17	17	73	4

LEAGUE TREATED AS COMPLETE.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
I.C.I.	18	13	4	1	52	26	30
Lions	18	11	3	4	70	21	25
Heidelberg	18	10	3	5	59	31	23
University	18	10	2	6	40	29	22
Bayswater	18	9	3	6	50	34	21
St. Albans	18	7	4	7	35	35	18
W'town	18	6	2	8	37	49	18
Fairfield	18	6	2	10	27	44	14
C.S.R.	18	3	1	14	25	51	7
C.F.C.	18	1	2	15	18	93	4

LEAGUE COMPLETED.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne	18	17	1	0	143	18	35
Croatia	18	12	3	3	44	22	27
Ferntree G.	18	8	6	4	40	46	22
Rosebud	18	9	3	6	62	36	21
Vic. Police	18	9	3	6	51	41	21
S. Ham C.	18	7	2	9	38	59	16
Wilhelmina	18	6	3	9	61	57	15
Pascoe Vale	18	7	0	16	17	104	4
G.M.H.	18	1	0	17	6	89	2

UNDER 17.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lions	19	16	1	2	62	18	33
Prahran	19	15	1	3	62	21	31
Preston	19	13	1	5	64	21	27
Army App.	19	13	1	5	52	22	27
Dandenong	19	11	3	5	50	19	25
Box Hill	19	10	1	8	40	23	21
Sunshine C.	19	8	2	9	38	39	18
Essendon	19	7	2	10	30	41	16
Brighton	19	6	2	11	32	27	14
Fairfield	19	5	0	14	32	63	10
Wesley C.	19	3	0	16	15	64	6
Croydon	19	2	0	17	12	103	4

UNDER 15.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. Kilda	19	16	2	1	107	10	34
Brighton	19	16	1	2	134	12	33
Essendon	19	14	1	4	92	16	29
Preston	19	12	3	4	72	20	27
Heidelberg	19	12	1	6	68	40	25
S. Yarra	19	10	2	7	45	42	22
S. Melb.	19	9	2	8	53	34	20
Sunshine C.	19	5	1	13	34	75	11
B'meadows	19	5	3	11	13	99	11
Moorabbin	19	5	0	14	13	96	10
I.C.I.	19	2	2	15	8	71	6
Wesley C.	19	1	0	18	6	105	2

UNDER 13.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
S'shine C. A	17	16	0	1	49	2	32
Essendon	17	13	2	2	47	10	28
Ajax	17	12	1	4	36	6	25
B'meadows	17	8	4	7	22	40	19
S. Yarra	17	7	2	8	22	26	16
S. Melb.	17	6	2	9	12	22	14
St. Kilda	17	5	3	9	13	36	13
S'shine C. B	17	4	0	13	8	54	8

Last Week's Results

DOCKERTY CUP.

MORELAND d. POLONIA, 2-1.

HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP.

POLONIA d. SLAVIA, 5-2.

RICHMOND d. BOX HILL, 2-1.

LIDLAW WORLD CUP.

ENGLAND d. POLAND, 2-0.

THIRD DIVISION.

YARRA PARK drew DANDE-
NONG, 0-0.

MACCABI drew F.N.D., 4-4.

SUNSHINE UTD. d. PARK RAN-
GERS, 4-0.



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